

NEW GERMAN DRIVE MAY BE SET GOING AGAINST BRITISH FROM LA BASSEE CANAL TO SOME POINT SOUTH OF ARMENTIERES

British Official Statement Today Told of Development of Great Artillery Activity by the Enemy Early Today at Northern End of Line

THE ATTACK ON AMIENS DEFEATED, HAS BEGUN EFFORT TO WIDEN FRONT

London, April 9.—German artillery developed great activity early this morning on the British front, on the line from La Bassee canal to south of Armentieres, according to to-day's war office announcement.

FRENCH GAVE GROUND

SOUTH OF THE OISE RIVER

Paris, April 9.—Violent artillery fighting occurred during the night at various points north of Montdidier and between Montdidier and Noyon, it was announced officially to-day. No infantry action developed. The French advanced troops south of the Oise river withdrew to prepared positions southwest of the lower forest of Coucy and south of Coucy Le Chateau.

With the British Army in France, April 9.—(By Associated Press).—There is no change in the situation, according to the latest reports this morning from the battlefield. The sky is heavily overcast with ground mists and there is occasional rain.

GERMANS MADE ADVANCE.

French Force, Inferior in Number, Held Up Progress for Time.

Paris, April 9.—The war office announcement last night said: "During the course of the day the enemy pressure continued north of the Ailette river in the region of the lower Coucy forest. The advanced sections of our troops resisted and hindered the advance of the enemy, who was in greatly superior numbers, inflicting upon him heavy losses.

"On the Somme front, between Montdidier and Noyon, there was no infantry action, but the two armies displayed spirited activity.

"In the Vosges an enemy attack failed north of Tete de l'aux."

FORCING FRENCH BACK.

Powerful German Thrust Along the Oise River.

Berlin, via London, April 9.—The powerful German pressure along the Oise is forcing the French back at the lower outskirts of Coucy wood, according to the official report from general headquarters last evening, which says: "In continuation of our attack on the southern bank of the Oise we drove the enemy out of his strong positions on the heights east of Coucy le Chateau."

BRITISH ON ITALIAN FRONT.

Are Occupying Positions Where Germans Pressed Hard Last Fall.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, April 8.—(By Associated Press).—British forces are now fighting on an Italian mountain front in one of the Asiago sectors which sustained some of the enemy's pressure last fall.

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AMERICAN OUTPOSTS

ATTACKED PATROL

Killed One German and Dragged Body Across No Man's Land Into Their Own Trenches.

With the American Army in France, Monday, April 8.—(By Associated Press).—American outposts in the Lorraine sector attacked a German patrol this morning, killed one of the party and dragged the body across No Man's land into their own trenches. There were no American casualties.

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EGGS \$5 EACH

And Meat \$4 a Pound in German-Occupied Territory in Northern France.

Paris, April 9.—Eggs are \$5 each in the occupied portion of northern France, according to Eugene Motte, former mayor of Roubaix, who has just returned from that area. Meat is \$4 a pound when it is obtainable at all.

"The Germans have carried off all supplies and every movable piece of machinery," he says. "The German arrogance, which had decreased, has again become more pronounced since the German successes against the Russian Bolsheviks. In spite of everything, however, the morale of the Belgian and French inhabitants continues good, and their ardent patriotism, courage and confidence have never faltered."

London, April 9.—Typewriters are almost as expensive in London as small automobiles. Owing to the restrictions on importation and the enormous demand due to increased clerical work in government departments, the prices of all available machines have more than doubled.

New machines, if they are to be had at all, are worth from \$400 to \$500. Re-modelled machines which before the war sold at about \$80, now fetch from \$150 to \$200. Second-hand machines in good condition have been sold recently for \$50 to \$100 more than they cost when new.

BRITAIN FACES TWO PROBLEMS

One Is Raising of the Age for Military Service to 51 Years

SECOND IS IRELAND'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Parliament Reassembled To-day with Those Two Questions Uppermost

GERMANS TRY TO EXTEND THE LINE OF BATTLE

Facing the American, French and British troops strongly entrenched and well equipped for battle, the German army has for the moment given up its direct drive against Amiens. Following the utter repulse of efforts to smash straight through to his objective, the enemy is attempting a new maneuver, which is intended to broaden the field of action and reduce the menace of a counter-offensive, which would nullify all the gains made by the Teutons since March 21.

GORGAS TO DROP 1,500 MEDICAL RESERVE MEN

Officers Found Not Qualified for Active Service Will Be Eliminated.

Washington, April 9.—Elimination from the army medical reserve corps of all men not qualified for active service has been undertaken by Surgeon General Gorgas. It is estimated about fifteen hundred commissions will be revoked. A circular letter sent yesterday to the four thousand members of the medical reserve corps on the inactive list said the surgeon general had found it necessary to discharge all officers who, because of age or other reasons, would be unable to respond to a summons to active duty, and asked from each officer detailed information as to his present situation. Commissions in the old medical reserve corps were issued, with the condition that the men receiving them could decide whether or not they desired active service. Soon after the entrance of the United States into the war this corps was transferred bodily to the newly established reserves. A campaign to rebuild the medical reserve already is under way. The American Medical Association co-operating with the military authorities to reach physicians throughout the country.

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BRITISH PROMOTION TO BE BY SELECTION

King George Has Issued Royal Warrant Changing System From That of Seniority.

London, April 9.—King George has signed a royal warrant providing that promotions to the rank of general in the British army shall be by selection instead of seniority.

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UNDERESTIMATED AMERICANS.

German Military Leaders Are Beginning to Acknowledge Error.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Word that American reinforcements are moving to the support of the allies in Picardy has revived argument in Germany over the efficacy of the submarine and drawn from the Berlin Persia military critic of the Berliner Tagblatt, the comment that, after being persuaded to underestimate America, German opinion is undergoing a change.

An official dispatch from Switzerland yesterday reviewing the latest discussion quotes Captain Persius as follows:

"We were at first a good deal persuaded to underestimate the participation of America in the war. We began now to doubt a change of opinion. It is beyond a doubt that it would be well to curb at the present time the more or less fantastic vagaries of persons discussing the submarine war."

"We cannot for the moment estimate when the United States will have ready the millions of men which her population will permit her to raise, but it is certain that America will in the very near future succeed in massing armies which, in any case, will constitute a very valuable aid for our enemies."

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PROPOSED TO MELT \$250,000,000 INTO BULLION

Repurchase of Silver at a Dollar an Ounce Proposed in Pittman Bill.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—The melting into bullion of more than 250,000,000 silver dollars now in the treasury for sale and export to pay trade balances and the repurchase of silver at a dollar an ounce are proposed in an administration bill introduced to-day by Senator Pittman as an emergency war measure. Silver certificates to the same amount would be withdrawn from circulation and federal reserve bank notes substituted.

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WANT 20,000,000 SUBSCRIBERS.

To Participate in the Third Liberty Loan in Whole Country.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—The first official indication that the government hoped to raise more than \$5,000,000,000 from the Third Liberty loan came to-day in the treasury statement asking that the country subscribe four or five billion and furnish 20,000,000 subscribers.

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TO MEET PUBLIC'S NEEDS.

That Is Limit of Railroad Publicity in the Future.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Railroad publicity and advertising in the future must be limited to information needed by the public, under orders issued by Director General McAdoo.

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THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT NORTON, VERMONT, TO INCREASE BY \$2000 THE YEARLY SALARY OF REV. GEORGE F. CHAPIN, WHO HAS BEEN PASTOR OF THE CHURCH FOR 33 YEARS. THE PASTOR REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE INCREASE.

FRENCH FIND MONSTER GUN

Airmen Are Keeping Up a Continual Bombardment of the Weapon

PIECE IS MOUNTED AT CREPY EN LAONNOIS

Handling of Gun Is Made Difficult by French Attack

Paris, April 9.—French aviators have discovered the location of the big gun with which the Germans have been bombarding Paris at long range, and the continual bombardment of the spot by French artillery and the bombing by airmen have made the handling of the gun difficult. This explains the intermittent fire of the weapon. The piece is mounted at Crepy En Laonnois, near the road from LaFere to Laon.

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AMERICA TO LEND \$44,000,000 TO GREECE

Transaction Will Take Place as Soon as Greek Parliament Passes Necessary Authorizing Legislation.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Greece will receive a loan of \$44,000,000 from the United States as soon as the Greek Parliament has passed the necessary authorizing legislation, it was announced at the treasury department to-day.

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JAMES W. SLEEPER DEAD.

Waterbury Man, Aged 80, Had Shock Three Weeks Ago.

Waterbury, April 9.—Deacon James W. Sleeper died at his home on West Hill last night at the age of 80 years. He suffered a shock three weeks ago. He was the son of Timothy and Ruth Sleeper and had always lived in this vicinity. He was 30 years old when he came to the farm where he died. Mr. Sleeper was always a farmer. In 1859 he married Caroline Gupit, who died 10 years ago. He held many town offices and was deacon of the Baptist church in Waterbury Center for many years. Two sons survive, Walter of Essex Junction and Herbert of Waterbury, also two grandchildren. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the house, Rev. W. M. Hill officiating, assisted by Rev. A. D. Paige. Burial will be in the Center cemetery.

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WOMEN WORKERS TO MEET.

Will Talk Liberty Loan at Conference in St. Albans.

St. Albans, April 9.—With the convening of the state conference of the women's Liberty loan committee, a meeting will be held here tomorrow, a meeting will be held at the Tavern roof garden at 10:30 in the forenoon. Mrs. E. C. Smith, chairman of the Vermont committee, will entertain at luncheon at her home at 11 in the afternoon, when those attending the conference will have the chance to meet Mrs. F. L. Higginson of Boston, the chairman of the New England committee.

Among those who will address the conference will be Judge C. H. Darling of Burlington, chairman of the Vermont Liberty loan committee, and Gov. Graham.

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A VOLLEY EVERY \$100,000.

Soldiers Had to Waste Much Powder in Burlington.

Burlington, April 9.—With a squad from Fort Allen firing a volley as each \$100,000 was raised, Burlington yesterday more than accomplished announced intention of getting its entire Liberty loan quota of \$808,000 subscribed in a single day.

When the count was completed at 10 o'clock last night, it was found that 100,000 of the city had taken \$915,500 of the loan with every prospect of making it a million in a day or two more. In Winoski employees of the American Woolen company have subscribed to \$100,000 worth, which is \$10,000 above the village quota.

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TWO POUNDS TO A TREE.

Is Average Sugar Crop in Northern Vermont This Year.

Enosburg Falls, April 9.—A. J. Croft, secretary of the Franklin County Pure Maple Sugar and Syrup Co., stated to-day that there has been a good run of sap during the last few days and that when the last run has been disposed of the average will be about two pounds to a tree. Another good run is expected after the present cold spell. The average per tree is well up with the normal for ten years.

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WILSON WILL DECIDE

About Giving Out Addresses in American Casualty Lists.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—President Wilson will make a final decision on the question of withholding the addresses in the casualty lists when Secretary Baker returns from France.

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FRENCH CUT BREAD RATIONS

To About Two-Thirds of the Previous Allowance.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—The food administration announced to-day that France has established new rules for bread consumption, cutting the ration to about two-thirds of the previous allowance.

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Probate Court Matters.

In probate court at Montpelier to-day Carl H. Dudley of East Montpelier settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of William B. and Maudie A. Hill, late of Boulder, Col., who had property in East Montpelier. The will of Alice E. Melrose, late of Waterfield, was proven.

BROWN PLEADED GUILTY

And H. Lunde Took His Rights to Wait for 24 Hours.

John Brown and H. Lunde of Barre appeared in Washington county court Monday afternoon on charges of adultery. Brown pleaded guilty, while Lunde did not plead, taking his rights to wait 24 hours before making his plea. Brown was brought before the court on two charges of adultery, the first of which was claimed to have taken place in Montpelier in March, while the other was in Barre in September of last year. To the first count he pleaded guilty and to the last not guilty, and, upon request of the state's attorney, the matter of sentencing was suspended. His plea adds another chapter in the Hazen block affair in Montpelier, over which the officers have had close observation for some weeks. State's Attorney E. B. Davis had not pressed the charge set forth in the second count, after Brown pleaded guilty to the first.

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Dobbs Case Not to Be Tried.

Announcement was made in court yesterday afternoon that no trial would take place in the case of John Dobbs vs. the Montpelier & Wells River railroad and that settlement was pending. This was a suit brought to recover \$5,000 damages for injuries received when snow fell from the roof of the defendant company's freight shed in Montpelier, striking Dobbs on the shoulders.

This action changed the arrangements so that Judge Waterman announced the jury was excused until 2 o'clock this afternoon. From the docket the only civil case left, over which there is a probability of trial is that of Thomas Bartlett vs. T. H. Cave, Jr., administrator of the estate of E. D. Bartlett, and this may not take place, at least it cannot until the petition partly heard by the court is completed and either denied or granted. In the latter instance the case then comes to county court for trial as to the disallowance of a claim for some \$5,000 made by Mr. Bartlett against the estate of E. D. Bartlett.

The case of John Albin of Northfield vs. Raymond Cutting, malicious prosecution, has been continued by agreement of counsel, while the case of Carr vs. Andrew, it is understood, is not to be tried, so, unless state cases are to be tried, it looks as though the jury will go home this week.

This morning divorce cases were heard, the first of which was Fred G. Farrand of Barre vs. Fern Farrand, adultery. The other case was that of Elizabeth M. Thompson vs. Ernest Thompson, intolerable severity. Testimony in that case was given to show that the defendant had told one of the witnesses that he was to blame for their trouble and that he would make no objection to a divorce.

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WIFE OF COL. J. G. ESTEY

CHARGES DESERTION

Prominent Brattleboro People Are to Figure in Divorce Suit, Probably at Present Term of Windham County Court.

Brattleboro, April 9.—A divorce petition, alleging desertion and intolerable severity, was filed in the county clerk's office to-day by Mrs. Mattie R. Estey against Colonel J. Gray Estey, together with an order for temporary alimony of \$250 a month, signed by Judge S. Stanton upon stipulation that the case will probably be tried at the term of Windham county court which opened to-day. It is understood there will be no contest.

Colonel Estey is the head of the Estey Organ company and was formerly colonel of the 1st Vermont regiment. Lawrence, Lawrence & Stanton of Rutland are attorneys for Mrs. Estey. Robert C. Bacon of Brattleboro is counsel for Colonel Estey.

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TO HIRE FARMERETTES

To Carry on Work on Farm Near Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, April 9.—Arrangements were completed yesterday by Elbert C. Tenney, manager of the Scott farm, owned by Frederick Holbrook of Boston and Brattleboro, to employ 10 young women on the farm the coming season. They constitute one of the units assembled by Miss Bertha Terrill, professor of home economics at the University of Vermont. They will occupy a cottage on the farm and a matron will do their housekeeping. They will wear khaki uniforms. Some are students in the agricultural department of the university and will use their earnings to help pay their college expenses.

Mrs. Russell Tyson of Chicago has secured two Ambert agricultural college young women to assist in the outdoor work at the farm here which she owns.

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PAVING CUTTERS STRIKE.

Milford, N. H., Men Wanted 20 Per Cent Increase; Offered 13 Per Cent.

Milford, N. H., April 9.—The paving cutters and quarrymen failed to reach an agreement yesterday afternoon with their employers and a strike was called. The men demanded, in spite of their agreement, which expires in 1920, an advance of 20 per cent in wages. The manufacturers offered 13 per cent increase, which was refused.

Milford is one of the largest paving-cutting centers in New England.

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BODY CARRIED 30 MILES.

Myrtle Cross Was Drowned at Enosburg Falls—Body Found Near Swanton.

Swanton, April 9.—The body of Myrtle Cross of Enosburg Falls was found in the Missisquoi river two miles below this village Sunday by a hunter, Miss Cross, while coasting near her home at Christmas time, slid into a hole in the ice. The recent high water brought the body 30 miles to this place. The body was taken to the home of her adopted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Cross.

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George Miner of New York, a native and for many years a resident of Manchester, but who later became connected with the New York Herald, died in New York April 5. He was a graduate of Norwich university and for four years was a member of the staff of the late Gen. Levi G. Kingsley of Rutland.

After entering journalism, he was for 15 years located in London as managing editor of the Paris edition. He was married by a wife and daughter. The funeral was held in Manchester, with burial there.

FOUR COUNTIES ARE EXEMPT

And Washington County Is Asked for Only Four Men

UNDER THE CALL FOR PRESENT MONTH

Allotment of State's Quota of 421 Men by State Officials

Caledonia, Chittenden, Lamoille and Orange counties will not be called upon to send any men to Camp Devens under the call made by the national government last Saturday, and Washington county will send only four men, according to the allotment of county quotas just announced by Adjutant General H. T. Johnson at Montpelier. This is due to the fact that no men from those counties self-inducted into service some weeks ago, and under the regulations by which the 421 men were called from Vermont the adjutant general was given authority to make his allotments on that basis.

The order received by the adjutant general reads as follows: "In filling this call, men should be selected out of class I in sequence of order numbers, except that the provisions of my telegram No. B-80, dated March 11, relating to men actively, completely and assiduously engaged in the planting and cultivation of crops should be followed."

"The number of men called for under the above call must be actually enlisted and must be reported to the adjutant general by the county officials. The percentage of your first gross quota is given for your guidance in making your allotments to local boards only. Men furnished under this call will be credited against your next net quota."

Acting on those instructions, the state officials fixed the quotas as follows:

County	Quota
Adams	41
Bennington	16
Caledonia	16
Chittenden	16
Essex	22
Franklin	46
Grand Isle	5
Lamoille	16
Orange	16
Rutland No. 1	46
Rutland No. 2	32
Washington	4
Windham	58
Windsor	80

Movement of the selected men will take place as follows:

Rutland division No. 1, Rutland division No. 2 and Windham, Saturday, April 27; Franklin, Monday, April 29. All other counties on Tuesday, April 30.

No Photographers Volunteering.

Thus far no one has volunteered to self-induct into the military service upon the call recently made for photographers, so the clerk of the local exemption board of Washington county is going through the list of registrants and where she finds a man has registered as a photographer or who has indicated that he has seen some experience along the line, he will be written to regarding the matter. No county quotas have been assigned in that call but it is the purpose to take the men from whatever part of the state they may be found, for it is a peculiar kind of service in which persons who had some experience in photography will be able to qualify. The men will be either from the full military or limited service, but must be within the draft age.

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FORMER BARRE MAN DEAD.

Joseph Broginni Left the City Two Years Ago for Springfield, Mass.

Joseph Broginni, a former resident of Barre, died Saturday at a hospital in Springfield, Mass., of pneumonia, after two or three days' illness. Mr. Broginni was born in Italy 21 years ago and came to America when young. While in Barre he was employed in the bakery of P. D. Molla and left there two years ago for Springfield, where he had been engaged in the same business since.

Mr. Broginni was survived by a sister, Mrs. Broginni of Northfield. George Angelo of Merchant street attended the funeral, which was held in Springfield, Mass. Burial was also there.

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HAVE INVESTED \$5,044.25.

Barre Public School Children Are Helping Uncle Sam to Win the War.

The children of the Barre public schools now hold \$5,044.25 worth of U. S. bonds and girls are now creditors of the United States government. The number of those who are loaning their 25c pieces to the government for the prosecution of the war is increasing quite rapidly, and two more rooms have been added to the list of those having 100 per cent enrollment in this cause, the rooms being Miss Ramagge's first grade at the Ayers street building and Miss Reynolds' third grade at the Mathewson building.

The report from the schools, as submitted to-day, is as follows:

School	Amount Invested	Number Owning
Ayers street	\$245.25	110
Ward 5	127.25	62
Brook street	333.30	130
Mathewson	1,491.25	367
Lincoln	738.50	198
Summer street	164.50	78
North Barre	564.75	166
Spaulding	554.00	144
Total	\$4,041.00	1,255
High school	\$1,003.25	333
Total	\$5,044.25	1,588

All but 62 high school pupils out of an enrollment of 395 are possessors of thrift stamps. The seniors some time ago enlisted 100 per cent strong in the cause, and the juniors are now very near that point, with the sophomores and freshmen coming in that order. The report of the high school is as follows:

Report Own-	ing	Ing. P. C.	Amount
Seniors	85	100	\$253.50
Juniors	149	100	\$213.50
Freshmen	149	100	\$208.00
Sophomores	57	86	\$18.75
Total	395	86	\$1,003.25